Board of Trustees: Our Greatest Assets

Partners for Livable Communities is now entering its 35th year. It has had the asset legacy of Trustees, past and present, from across America, who in their careers, have served on our Board of Trustees. Through that wisdom and stewardship, we have been on the cutting edge of issues and strategies that deal with preserving, enhancing and maintaining the livability and values of the American community.

Government
At the National level – Board members such as Henry Cisneros, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Diane Feinstein, U.S. Senator; William Reilly, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Donna Shalala, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; John Snow, Secretary of the Treasury; Gustave Speth, Chairman, U.S. Council on Environmental Quality, George Voinovich, U.S. Senator from Ohio.

We have gained wisdom, leadership and have benefited from their ascent to national prominence.

At the State level – Parris Glendening, Governor of Maryland; Patrick McCoy, Governor of North Carolina; Henry Marsh, Senator, State of Virginia; Randy Primas, Secretary of Community Development, State of New Jersey; Glenda Hood, Secretary of the State of Florida; Kay Arnold, Secretary of Heritage Agency, State of Arkansas; Jonathan Howes, Secretary, North Carolina Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources.

At the Local level – At the local government level we have such individuals as Jerry Abramson, Mayor of Louisville; Ralph Becker, Mayor of Salt Lake City; Robert Bobb, Administrator of the District of Columbia; Dale Borgsdorf, City Manager of San Jose; Ellen Bozman, Chairman of the Arlington County Board, Virginia; Wayne Cauthen, City Manager of Kansas City; Milton Dohoney, City Manager of Cincinnati; Bill Frederick, Mayor of Orlando; Nancy Graham, Mayor of West Palm Beach; Bill Hudnut, Mayor of Indianapolis; George Latimer, Mayor of St. Paul; Ron Loveridge, Mayor of Riverside, CA; Bill Morris, Mayor of Shelby County, Tennessee; David Mesena, President, Chicago Transit Authority; Gordon Quan, Mayor Pro-Tem of Houston; Joseph Riley, Mayor of Charleston, S.C.; Paul Schell, Mayor of Seattle; Vincent Schoemehl, Mayor of St. Louis; Jay Williams, Mayor of Youngstown and now Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs in the Obama Administration; Michael Woo, Councilmember, City of Los Angeles; Wellington Webb, Mayor, City and County of Denver.

We understand leadership at the local level and have benefited from the counsel and advice of such individuals.

Business Community
Richard Beadles, CEO, CSX Realty; Cathy Bessant, Global Marketing Executive, Bank of America; George Brady, Chair of the National Corporation for Housing Partnerships; Ronnie Bryant, President of the Charlotte Regional Partnership; Oliver Carr, CEO of The Carr Company; Larry Conrad, V.P., Melvin Simons and Associates; Richard Fleming, President and CEO, St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association; Jane Henderson, Senior VP, Community Development for Wachovia; John Arthur Imperatore, Chairman, APA Transport; Tony Jones, Senior Group Director, Community Outreach, Anheuser-Busch; Scott Lowry, Director, The Canary Wharf Development Company; Brandee McHale, VP, Citigroup; Joe Roman, President & CEO, Greater Cleveland Partnership; Robert Russell, VP, McGraw Hill; Carl Struever, President, Struever Bros; Janet Thompson, VP and Director of Community Reinvestment, Citibank; Sam Williams, President, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

We certainly understand that the key to a livable community is jobs, economic development and the business of business.
Community Mobilization/Development
Angela Blackwell, President, PolicyLink; Paul Brophy, Principal, Brophy and Reilly; Michael Curran, President and CEO, The Enterprise Social Investment Corporation; Ron Grzywinski, Chairman of Shorebank; LaDonna Harris, President, Americans for Indian Opportunity; Bill Linder, Founder and CEO, New Community Corporation in Newark; Bill Strickland, President and CEO, Manchester Bidwell Corporation; Deborah Szekely, Chair, Eureka Communities; Carlisle Towery, President, Greater Jamaica Development Corporation; Mary Widener, President, Neighborhood Housing Services of America; Arthur Ziegler, President, Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation.

We are steeped in the leadership of community development and community mobilization.

Communications
Wilbur Garrett, Editor, National Geographic; Brendan Gill, New Yorker Magazine; Adam Gordon, Chair of the Board, The Next American City Magazine; Peter Harkness, Editor and Publisher, Governing Magazine; David Macaulay, Author and Illustrator, James Seymore, Editor, Entertainment Weekly. We understand what it takes to get the word out both in a popular sense and in a strategic sense to call attention to challenges and to leadership.

Philanthropy
Feather Houstoun, President, William Penn Foundation; Harriet Ivey, President and CEO, Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust Foundation; Jan Kreamer, President, Greater Kansas City Community Foundation; June Larkin, Chairman, Edward John Noble Foundation; Alfred Wishart, President, CEO, The Pittsburgh Foundation; Lew Manilow, President of Nathan Manilow Foundation, Chicago.

We have benefited from the service of philanthropic leaders within their field and within their community.

Nonprofit and Association Leaders
Geoffrey Anderson, President and CEO, Smart Growth America; Jeff Cook, President, The Environmental Careers Organization; Mick Fleming, President, American Chamber of Commerce Executives; Charles Gould, President and CEO, Volunteers of America; Jodi Grant, Executive Director, Afterschool Alliance; Bill Hansell, Executive Director, International City/County Management Association; Huey Johnson, Founder, Trust for Public Land; Frank Spink, VP, Urban Land Institute.

They all lend their support and advocacy and association to Partners team building effort.

Arts and Culture and Design
Fred Kent, Founder, Project for Public Spaces; David Schwartz, Architect, Architectural Services; Milton Glaser, President, Milton Glaser, Inc.; Susan Henshaw Jones, President, Museum City of the New York, Fred Lazarus, President, Maryland Institute College of Art; Kathy Dwyer Southern, Foundation, National Children’s Museum; Lois Weisberg, Commissioner, Department of Cultural Affairs, City of Chicago; Leopold Adler, Founder & President, Savannah Landmark Rehabilitation Project; Joan Kent Dillon, President’s Committee on the Arts and Humanities; Denie Weil, President of the Board, Arena Stage.

We define this that culture is a key resource to be put in place as a value in any community.

Partners for Livable Communities: 35 years of service, 35 years of trustee leadership, 35 years of experience assisting the American community to become a livable place for all its citizens to anticipate change, to build in resilience, and to be ready to take on the challenges of tomorrow.